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SUBJ: SHORE LEAVE FOR CREW OF U.S. MERCHANT VESSEL

REF: LENINGRAD 0553

1. CONGEN REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING SHORE LEAVE FOR THIRTY-FIVE CREWMEN ABOARD THE U.S. VESSEL "GULFKING", WHICH DOCKED IN LENINGRAD ON MAY 11, 1977. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND MARITIME AGENCY INFLOT, THE EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THE SHORE LEAVE THROUGH THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. THE ABOVE PROCEDURE ALSO WILL PERTAIN TO FOUR OTHER U.S. VESSELS WHICH WILL BE DOCKING IN LENINGRAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CONGEN IS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF CREWMEN ABOARD THESE VESSELS. THIS INFO WILL BE PASSED TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS OBTAINED.

3. IT IS CONGEN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ABOVE PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ADOPTED ONLY AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO DEAL WITH THOSE U.S. VESSELS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN LENINGRAD AND WITH THOSE THAT WILL ARRIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PORT OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT IN THE FUTURE THIS PROCEDURE WILL NOT APPLY. THEY STATED

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THAT THE CUSTOMS/IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WILL NOT GRANT SHORE LEAVE IF CERTIFIED CREWLISTS HAVE NOT ARRIVED IN LENINGRAD.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY INFORM THOSE SHIPPING COMPANIES SENDING VESSELS TO LENINGRAD OF THE ABOVE AND EMPHASIZE THAT IN ORDER FOR SHORE LEAVE TO BE GRANTED TO THE CREWS, THE CERTIFIED CREWLISTS MUST ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE VESSEL'S ARRIVAL.

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